

## Modified Overt Aggression Scale (MOAS)

Availability	Please visit this website for more information about the instrument: <a href="#">Modified Overt Aggression Scale Link</a>
Classification:	Supplemental
Short Description of Instrument:	<p>The Modified Overt Aggression Scale (MOAS), was developed to assess four types of aggressive behavior: verbal aggression, aggression against property, auto aggression, physical aggression. The MOAS instructs the individual to rate the patient's aggressive behaviors over the past week.</p> <p>The MOAS is individually administered. It is generally administered by nursing staff although no specific qualifications are required.</p>
Scoring:	Items are scored on a 5-point scale. Scores range from 0 to 40, with higher scores indicating more aggression.
References:	<p>Kay, S., Wolkenfeld, F., and Murrill, L. (1988). Profiles of aggression among psychiatric patients. I. Nature and prevalence. J Nerv Ment Dis 176(9), 539-546.</p> <p>Yudofsky, S., Silver, J., Jackson, W., Endicott, J., and Williams, D. (1986). The Overt Aggression Scale for the objective rating of verbal and physical aggression. Am J Psychiatry 143(1), 35-39.</p>